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CONSERVING GAME

As the population of this country increases, and more and more guns and fishing rods are taken out into the woods and on the streams and waters of the various sections, an increasingly acute problem will be the conservation of wildlife.

This problem has already reached the acute stage in some areas, and with some species of wildlife. The answer to the threat of game extinction seems to lie in several fields. One of the remedies to this eventual outcome lies in shorter hunting and fishing seasons.

Game conservation officials, both state and federal, have already responded to the threat of extinction in some fields by shortening seasons, lowering the bag and catch limits, and tightening up enforcement. But the problem is not yet solved.

In some areas, forward-looking programs have begun. But the major factor involved is the human factor — the mass psychology of the hunters and fishermen, and their attitude toward bag limits, seasons, etc.

Too many old-time hunters have little regard for the limits, and laugh about above-total limits. Many a covey of birds has been killed down so greedily one season than none are around next season. If only three or four birds had been left, possibly even two, a covey would be found the following season. Until this realization, and the general realization that conservation habits must be practiced by all sportsmen, the decreasing supply of wildlife will remain an acute problem. The average hunter or fisherman is the only person who can solve it.

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RUSSIA'S NAVY

From various sources come reports that Russia now has a navy far more formidable than that which Germany had either in World War I or in World War II.

The latest figures show that the Soviet navy is now second in size of all the navies of the world, being surpassed only by the U. S. Navy in tonnage and power. This means the British navy is now ranked third by world authorities.

The most disturbing thing about Russian sea power is the growth of the Russian submarine fleet. Large cruise Russian submarines have been added in the past year off the cost of the United States and Iceland, and in the Mediterranean, and they are thought to be rapidly increasing in number.

This is significant because the submarine navy of the U. S. S. R. was, for the years immediately following World War II, largely a coastal - submarine navy, which appeared to be designed for defense more than offense. Today, however, atomic - powered submarines are being built in Russia and authorities disagree on whether they are already in operation in the Russian Sea or not.

The total number of Russian submarines is now estimated at 500. This may not mean much to the average layman, but when he considers the fact that Germany only had something over fifty submarines when World War II began, the strength of the Soviet submarine fleet becomes apparent.

Not only this, but when the average citizen realizes that our anti-submarine forces today are far more meager than they were in 1939 one gets an idea how much trouble the ten-times larger Soviet submarine fleet might be to cope with.

When one looks at Formosa, and thinks about the 500 Soviet submarines, and when one thinks of our lifeline between eastern ports and Europe, the picture is quite disturbing. Hitler, with some fifty - plus submarines at the beginning of the World War II, almost severed this lifeline in 1940 and 1942.

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It is strange how the ignorant refuse to study and how the intelligent never stop.

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It's too bad all the days of the year couldn't be like the Christmas holidays.

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The human race owes much of its progress to the good lives of obscure men and women, like the ordinary folk of Appomattox!

Washington Notes

World Disarming Urged

A group of scientific advisers to the Democratic party has cautioned that all-out atomic war is not only possible but is also probable unless a way can be found out of the present nuclear "balance of terror."

The Advisory Committee on Science and Technology of the Democratic Advisory Council has called for international disarmament to be made a "major national goal."

Opposes Punishment

The Eisenhower Administration will urge Congress not to cut Cuba's share of the United States sugar market when it reviews the sugar act next year, officials have indicated.

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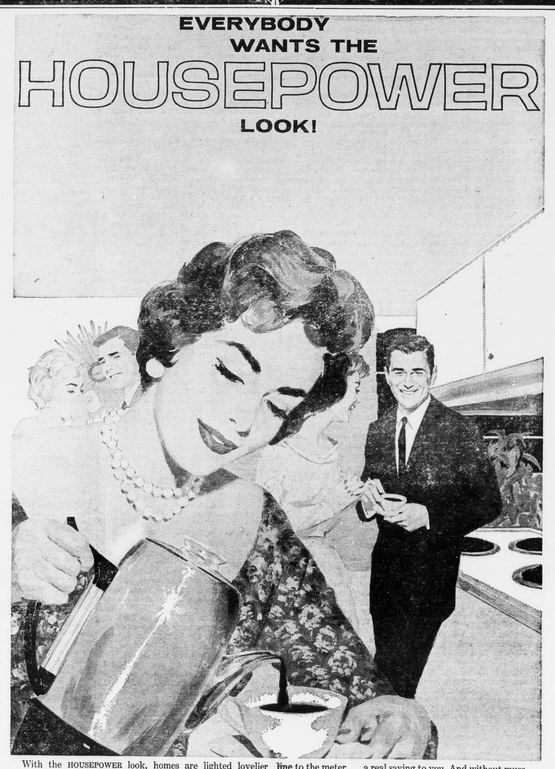

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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HELD

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Marshall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27th, at their home in Appomattox.

The home was decorated with arrangements of yellow flowers, pine, and holly, with yellow candles. A tiered wedding cake and punch were served to approximately 200 friends and relatives.

All nine of their children were present: H. P. Marshall, Mrs. R. M. Taylor, Lynchburg; Mrs. Jim Newton, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. H. C. Thomas, Radford; Mrs. E. W. Brunson, Chester, S. C.; Mrs. F. G. Bryant, Roseland; Jack Marshall, Staunton; Mrs. Twyman Coleman, and Joe Marshall, Appomattox.

Twenty of their twenty - two grandchildren were present.

FOUR-H ENROLLMENT HITS NEW RECORD

Membership in Virginia's 4-H clubs hit an all-time high in 1959, with 70,724 boys and girls enrolled in 2,387 clubs in every county of the state.

State 4-H officials at VPI, doing a little year-end stock-taking, noted further that of the total membership, 54,603 were white boys and girls, and 17,120 were Negroes.

More than 76 per cent of them completed their chosen projects.

The 4-H'ers were enrolled in 120,622 projects. Each member is required to select and conduct at least one project, but the average Virginia 4-H'er last year conducted 1 3-4 projects — almost twice the required number.

In addition to state personnel and county agricultural and home demonstration agents, 1,280 men and 3,359 women served voluntarily as adult leaders. There were also 4,100 older 4-H club members who served as junior leaders.

For white 4-H members in Virginia, the most popular projects were clothing, foods, farm and home electric, safety and forestry. In the clothing project, 15,700 members were enrolled and made a total of 28,200 articles and 15,829 garments. In the foods project, 12,841 members were enrolled, and they served 595,600 dishes and 97,660 meals. In the farm and home electric project, 10,585 members were enrolled. In safety, 9,788 members were enrolled, and took part in such activities as checking their homes and farms for hazards and getting rid of danger spots. In the forestry project, 5,597 were enrolled, with 3,900 of them completing work in forest appreciation and improvement, tree planting, and timber estimating.

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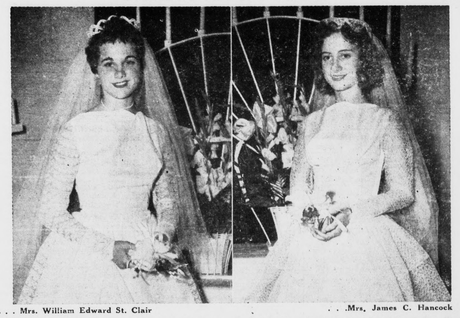
Kissim says that Iranians incite aggression.

DOUBLE WEDDING AT EVERGREEN



. . . Mrs. William Edward St. Clair . . . Mrs. James C. Hancock

The Evergreen Methodist Church was the setting Thursday evening at 7:30 for the double wedding of Miss Stella Rosser, daughter of Mrs. Eula Rosser, and William Edward St. Clair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin St. Clair, of Bedford; and Miss Virginia Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franklin who became the bride of Mr. James C. Hancock, son of Mrs. Eula Rosser, of Appomattox, Va.

The Rev. Charles P. Price performed the double ring ceremony before an altar lighted with vigil lights and decorated with white carnations and gladiolus. Wedding music was provided by Mrs. Daniel Harvey, and John Hall, soloist. Miss Rosser was given in marriage by Mr. Fred Franklin and Miss Franklin was given in marriage by her father. The brides were gowns made of lace over peau-de-soie, fashioned with a scalloped bateau neckline, basque waist, and long sleeves. Their fingertip veil of French illusion was attached to a crown of seed pearls. They carried white prayer books topped with an orchid and streamers.

Mrs. Gene Baldwin and Miss Mary Franklin served as maids of honor. Other attendants were Mrs. Bernard Johnson, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Woodroe Townsman, of Farmville. Junior bridesmaids were Misses Gwen Johnson and Theresa Franklin and Master Danny Townsman served as ring bearer.

Mr. Gene Baldwin and Arthur St. Clair served as best men. Ushers were Albert Taylor, Woodroe Townsman, James Womack, and Billy Thompson.

Immediately after the ceremony, a reception was held in the basement of the church. After a short wedding trip, the couples will make their home in Appomattox.

The brides are graduates of Appomattox High School. Miss Rosser and Mr. St. Clair are graduates of Phillips Business School, and Mr. Hancock is agraduate of Appomattox High School.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

. . . Barbara Jane Smith

Lt. and Mrs. W. N. Smith, 314 Yeardley Ave., Lynchburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jane, to Thurmon R. Arrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Arrington, of Appomattox.

Miss Smith attended E. C. Glass High School, and is employed in Lynchburg. Mr. Arrington was graduated from Appomattox High School and has served four years with the U. S. Air Force. He is employed in Appomattox.

No date has been set for the wedding.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Why does the first hard freeze of the winter often prove more damaging to plants and shrubbery and some trees, than later, more severe freezes?

The first hard freeze of the winter, especially if it comes early, often catches plants and trees unprepared, so to speak. In some trees the growth cycle is preceding and the sudden freeze sometimes kills these trees.

After the first few cold waves plants and trees are dormant and can often withstand a severe freeze better than earlier in the season. In areas where tropical plants and trees are precariously surviving, covering with cloth or otherwise protecting the plant or shrub, especially against the earlies freezes, will sometimes bring the prize plant or tree through the winter safely.

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